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WEST VIRGINIA BULLETIN NO: WV450-5-1

SUBJECT: TCH-Engineering Practice Standards in eFOTG

Purpose: To provide information relating to use of current practice standard.

Expiration Date: September 30, 2005

Recently there have been revised and new engineering practice standards included in the West Virginia eFOTG. A consequence of these postings has been a question as to which is used, the former or current standard, to design the various contracted practices.

Dick Judy, SCE, has determined that the current standards are to be used for design and construction no matter if the practice was contracted under a previous practice standard. There is policy citation in the National Engineering Manual that defines this matter.

Because of the significant impact this will have on the various programs we administer, this question has been elevated to the National Office. There are ramifications that spread beyond the West Virginia borders that require a higher consideration. Until a response or national decision is obtained that would cause reconsideration, the current practice standard in the eFOTG will be used for design and construction of practices not currently under construction.

If you have any questions, please contact Dick Judy, SCE at (304) 284-7561.

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